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SUBJECT: CORAL SEA GUEST

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1. WE CAN ASSUME THAT GOA WILL GIVE OFFICIAL SUPPORT TO AUSTRALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION INVITATION AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

2. YOU CAN PROCEED ON ASSUMPTION THAT INVITATION WILL INCLUDE WIFE.

3. YOU CAN FURTHER ASSUME THAT GOA WILL FUND IN-COUNTRY EXPENSES AS IN PAST YEARS. IN-COUNTRY COSTS ARE CONSIDERABLE: SPECIAL AIRCRAFT, HOTEL SUITES, GROUND TRANSPORT, ETC.
HISTORICALLY COST OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL HAS BEEN FUNDED BY USG AND NEITHER GOA NOR AAA HAS BUDGETED SUCH FUNDS. IF WE APPLIED PRESSURE WE MIGHT OBTAIN FINANCING FROM GOA OR AAA. WOULD BE MOST RELUCTANT TO PRESS FOR SUCH A CHANGE IN TRADITIONAL COST SHARING SINCE THIS WOULD JEOPARDIZE GOOD WILL ENTIRE EXERCISE IS DESIGNED TO REINFORCE. IF GOA PAID ALL COSTS, JOINT NATURE OF ANNUAL EVENT WOULD BE LOST AND U.S. WOULD RELINQUISH LEVERAGE OVER SELECTION OF VISITOR AND PROGRAMMING. AUSTRALIANS WOULD REGARD SUCH REQUEST FROM US AS DISTINCT DOWN-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GRADING OF COMMEMORATION BY U.S. MISSION URGES

STRONGLY THAT U.S. CONTINUE TO FUND INTERNATIONAL
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